

Traveling Time & Steampunk!

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Traveling this holiday season, we'll be sure to check out the amazing artwork showcased in Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Right now visitors will be captivated by STEAMPUNK: THE EXQUISITE ADVENTURE exhibition, which is currently on view in the Terminal 3 Gallery.



This exhibition features fun and engaging artwork, artifacts, costumes, characters, and adventurous stories. Steampunk is social in nature and this exhibition highlights Local, national, and international Steampunks. They are sharing their captivating creations—"building a world of romance, adventure, imagination, and beauty amid the timeless themes of exploration and investigation". This exhibition was previously on view in early January 2014 at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library. Steampunk has really gained in popularity over the last few years and it has been popping up all over with events, websites, books, galleries, museums, and more. New to the Steampunk genre like I am, we'll just think Jules Verne's "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," or H.G. Wells' "Time Machine" as well as including the old west mixed with Victorian era science-fiction. STEAMPUNK: THE EXQUISITE ADVENTURE is an in depth museum exhibition in one of the World's busiest airports! Artist and Steampunk enthusiast, Susan Rubin co-curated this exhibition with Scottsdale Public Art Collections and Exhibition Manager, Wendy Raisanen.



This group exhibition features quite an impressive list of artists including Jerry Abuan, Suzy Almlade, Erin Bulger, Shelly Brooks, The Brose Brothers: Benjamin, Mitchell, and Casey Brose, Clockwork Watch, Yomi Ayeni, Michael Contos, Daniel Davis, Dim Horizon Studio, Jim Hollywood Fernandez, John E. Floyd, Phil and Kaja Foglio, Art Fuentes, Diana Given, Steve Gompf, Paul Guinan and Anina Bennett, Susan Holt, Katherine and Farid Javandel, Sue Kaff, Kyla Kahn, Killbuck, Kinetic Steam Works, Troye Welch, Chris Kurtz, League of S.T.E.A.M., Scott London, Mantecoza, Susan Kaff, Lon Muckey, Redd, Devin McKenna, Dr. Sparky L. McTrowell and Erasmus L. Drake, The Moog, Haley Moore, Andy Pischalnikoff, Kevin Price, Paige Gardner Smith, Professor Elemental, James Rubin, Shannon Shea, Kimric Smythe, Michael Sorensen, Starburner Galactic Courier Service; Kim Hutsell, Linda Hutsell, Thomas Hale, Grady Keeton, Katherine Stewart, David Stipes, Diane Cook, William Swanson, Mike Syfritt, Lisa Vaca, Nola Yergen, Kaitlyn Whitman, and Thomas D. Willeford.



There are three separate Steampunk displays at Sky Harbor's Terminal 3, Level 2, conveniently located north, south and east of the Terminal's Level 2 Starbucks. Admission to the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport Gallery is free. This exhibition is definitely worth a trip to the airport even if you aren't traveling this season! This is a fun and unique exhibition that is guaranteed to transport you to a new world! STEAMPUNK: THE EXQUISITE ADVENTURE will be on view at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport through May 10th, 2015. Images courtesy of SPA and Sean Deckert.

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